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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 11, with the following paragraph:



The above-described objects of the present invention are achieved by a network-based server device for managing product inventory information on an individual-store basis, the server device comprising:including a receiving unit for-receiving requests for product information from a client device; and a processing unit for-transmitting, to the client device in response to the request for product information, product inventory information on an individual-store basis for corresponding to stores selected on the basis of client or customer identification information.